

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Fowler, you go in the mens' room and wash your mouth out, you just told a big lie.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the Fowler amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the Fowler amendment to LB 986. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The motion before the House is the Fowler amendment to LB 986. Have you all voted? Senator Fowler. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the Fowler amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The Fowler amendment is adopted. Before we go to the next amendment, it is my privilege to introduce to you under the south balcony, William Umberger from Elwood, Nebraska, in Senator Vickers' District and Russell Edeal from Loomis, Nebraska, in Senator Barrett's District. Would you please rise so we can say "good morning" to you? Now, Mr. Clerk, do you have another amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler now moves to amend the bill by adding a new Section 4, and I believe Senator Beutler had amendments distributed to the membership.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, you should have on your desks a white copy of amendments to 986 with my initials in the upper righthand corner. The substance of the amendment can be stated very shortly. It simply says that before you issue any bonds for tax increment finance projects, the project itself will be submitted for the approval of the people at a general election or at a special election called by the authority, the city council. I guess I would like to preface my remarks by saying first of all that I very much favor the Cornhusker project in Lincoln. I think it is probably one of the best examples of tax increment financing that you could have, and, of course, that project is supported by the Lincoln business community, at least a large part of it. I think I would also like to say that in certain instances I think that tax incrementing financing can be a very valuable tool. I would like to see private enterprise and the public working together in some situations. Tax increment financing does have the ability to, I think, create some very aesthetically unified and pleasing areas in a city if it is handled in the right manner. But I am bringing this amendment to your attention because I think the concept of tax increment financing and the use